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TAGS: PDEV, PDIP, PEPR, MU, DJ
SUBJECT: VISIT OF DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT TO OMAN

REF DJIBOUTI 0033 (NOTAL)

1. DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED LEFT MUSCAT JANUARY 14
AFTERSFIVE-DAY VISIT. HE DEPARTED IN OMANI AIR FORCE PLANE
FOR BAHRAIN, THE NEXT STOP ON HIS TRIP.

2. ALTHOUGH VISIT WAS UNUSUALLY LENGTHY, IT WAS GIVEN REL-
ATIVELY LOW-KEY TREATMENT BY OMANGOV. NO COMMUNIQUE WAS
ISSUED. BESIDES DISCUSSIONS, PROGRAM CONSISTED LARGELY OF
EXCURSIONS TO DHOFAR AND ELSEWHERE FOR THE SULTAN'S GUEST.

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3. THERE IS SPECULATION THAT OMAN MAY GIVE SOME AID TO
DJIBOUTI AS A RESULT OF VISIT. BUT CONSENSUS IN DIPLOMATIC
CIRCLES IS THAT SUCH PROSPECT IS UNLIKELY, APART PERHAPS FOR
TOKEN GRANT. DESPITE ITS MODERATELY LARGE OIL REVENUES,
OMAN IS IN NO POSITION FINANCIALLY TO BE A SIGNIFICANT AID DONOR
TO ANYBODY.

4. SULTAN'S AIM IN PROMOTING VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TO GIVE CONSPICUOUS GESTURE OF POLITICAL SUPPORT TO DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT, WHICH SITS AT OPPOSITE FLANK OF OMAN'S CHIEF ADVERSARY, THE PDRY. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT OMAN JUMPED IN EARLY WITH DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF DJIBOUTI REGIME, ELEVATING ITS CONSUL GENERAL TO AMBASSADOR QUICKLY AFTER INDEPENDENCE. FROM OMAN'S VIEWPOINT, SIT IS WORTH CULTIVATING FRIENDSHIP OF THIS NEW STATE.
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